

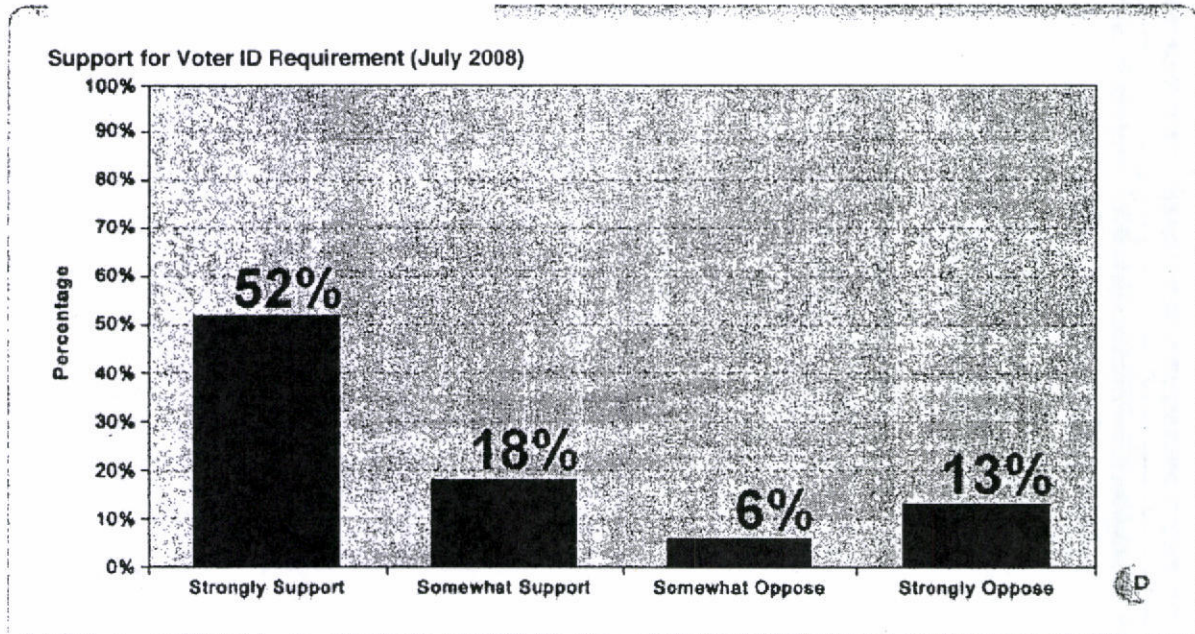


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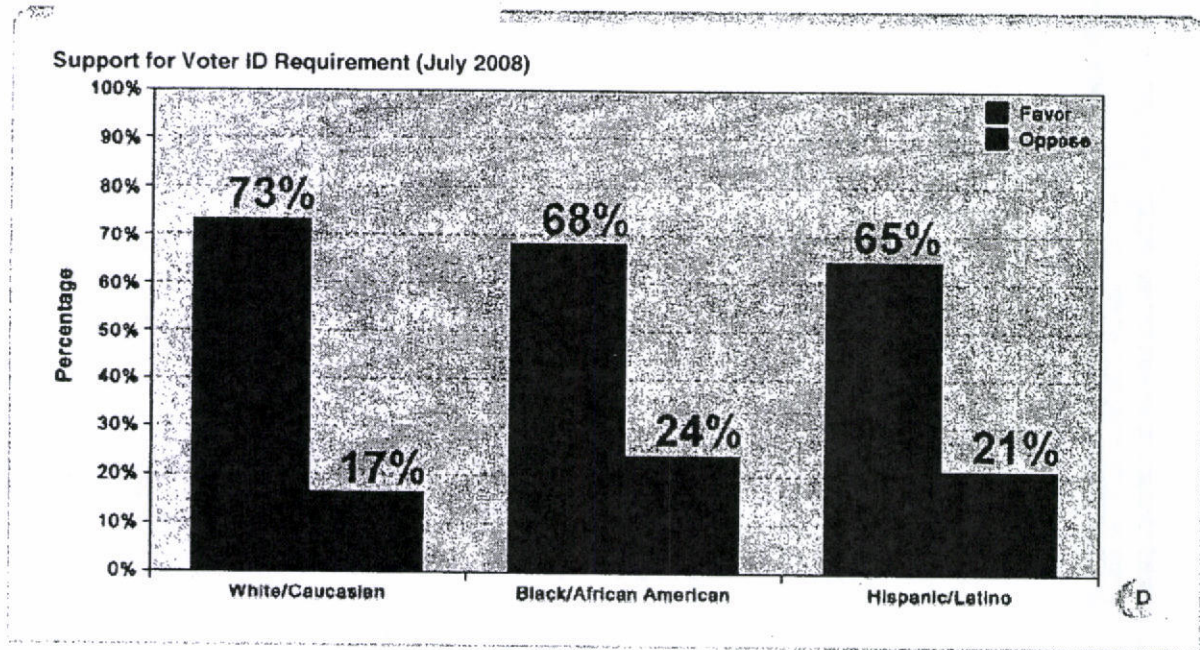




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Broken down by race, support for legislation requiring a photo identification in order to vote remained strong across racial groups. Blacks/African Americans and Hispanic/Latinos supported such a measure somewhat less than Whites/Caucasians, but not by wide margins (73 percent for whites, 68 percent for blacks, 65 percent for Latinos).

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11% of respondents answered "don't know" to this question. Question asked in two parts. First, respondents were asked whether or not they support a law requiring individuals to present a government-issued photo id in order to be permitted to vote. Then, they were asked to gauge their strength of their support or opposition.

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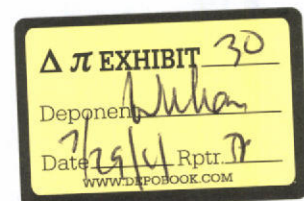
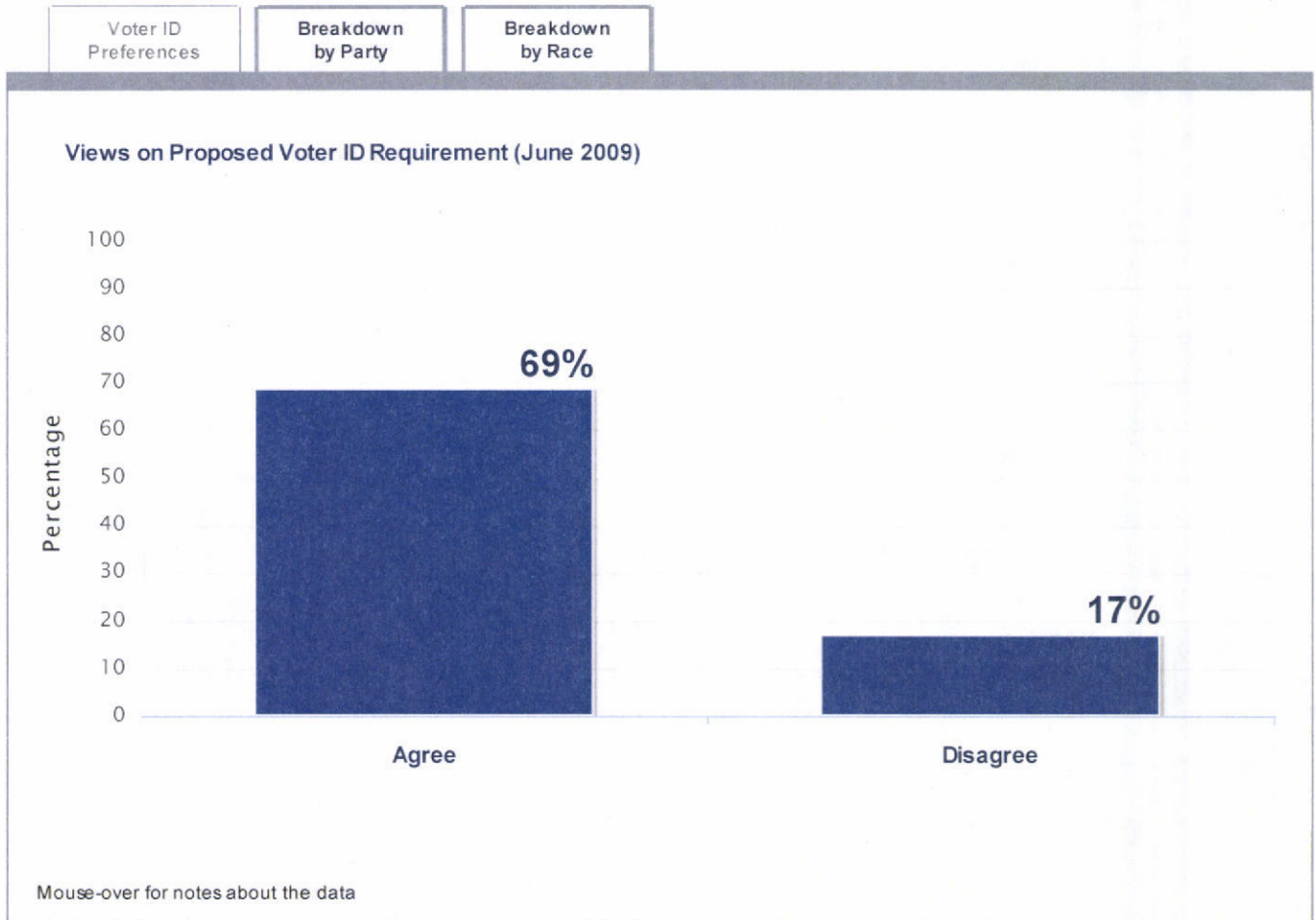


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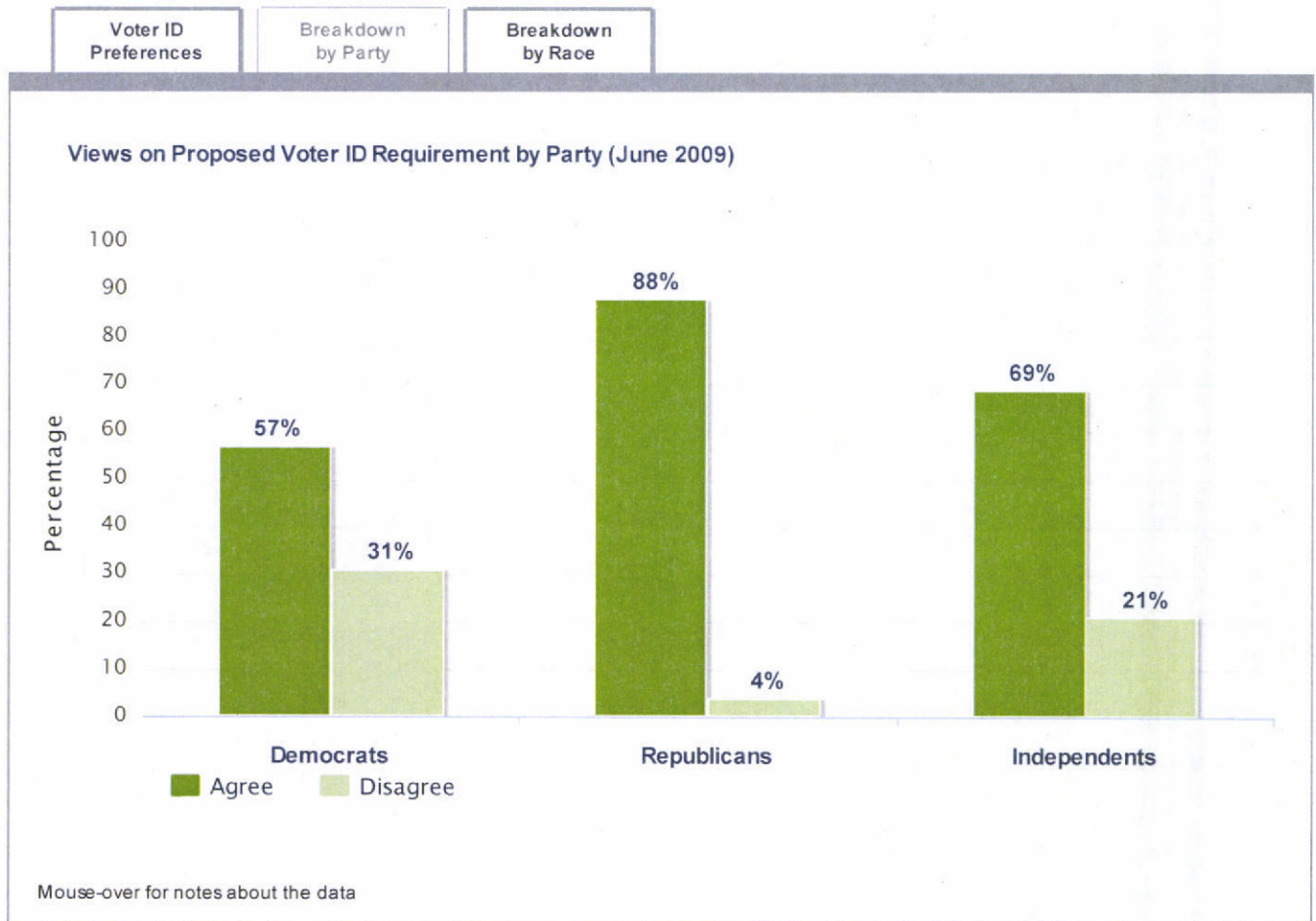


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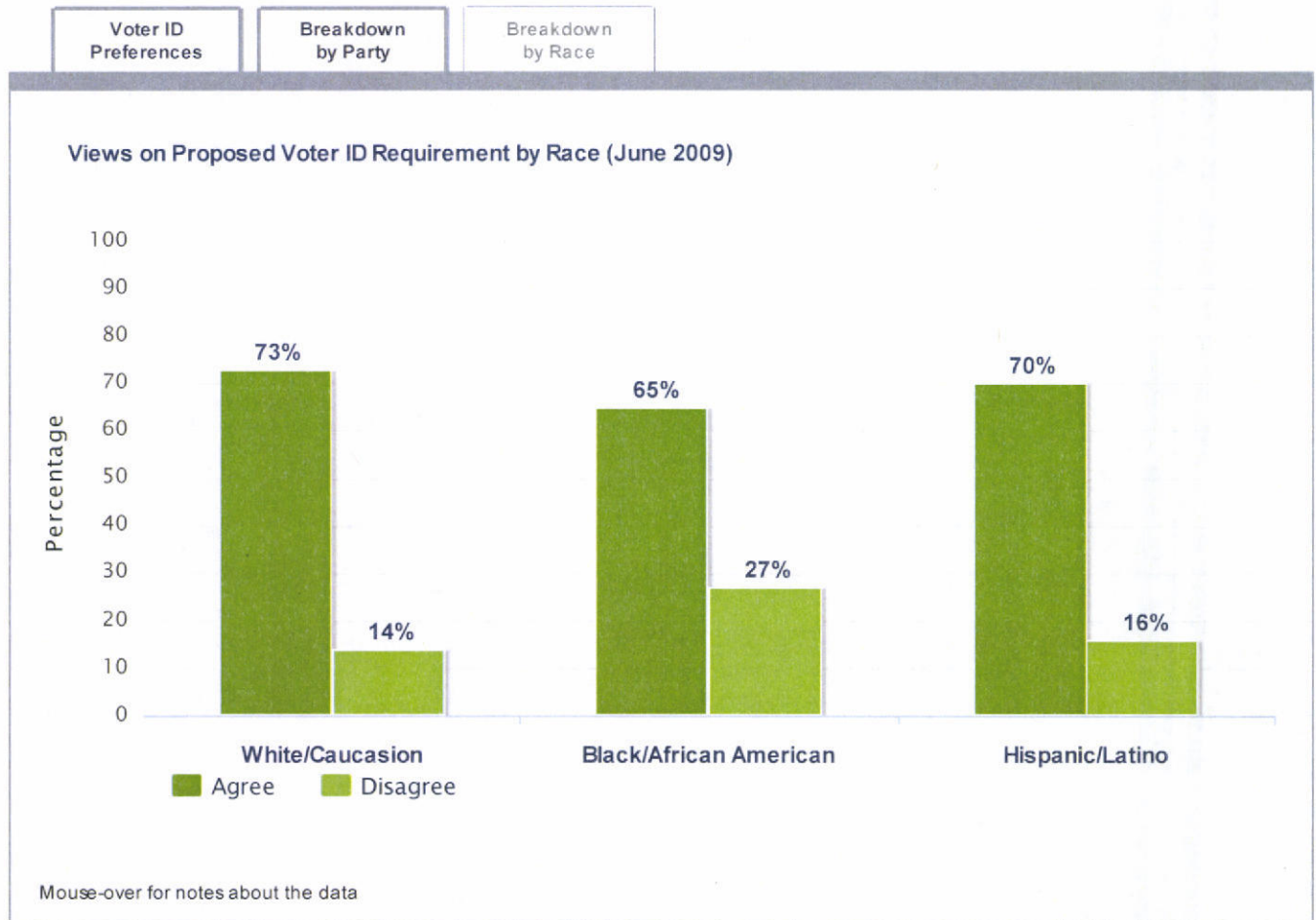


Table does not include the 14% of respondents who answered "don't know" to this question.

Respondents were asked: "Some people argue that requiring registered voters to present government-issued photo identification at the polls reduces voter fraud and does not place major obstacles on anyone who is legally entitled to vote. Other people argue that such a requirement has a negligible effect on voter fraud but places significant obstacles on elderly, low-income, disabled, and minority voters. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that registered voters should be required to present a government-issued photo id at the polls before they can be allowed to vote?"

They were given three choices:

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Don't Know





# Tommy Williams

## Texas Senator

State Senate  
District 4  
Chambers  
Harris\*  
Jefferson\*  
Liberty  
Montgomery\*  
Orange  
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### TOMMY WILLIAMS

TEXAS STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 4

*Dear Friends,*

I hope you and your families are doing well and enjoyed the summer.

As you may know, the 81st Regular session of the Texas Legislature ended in June. Highlights include passing:

- ★ a state budget which meets the needs of our growing state by funding essential services;
- ★ the most significant taxpayer appraisal reform protections in over 30 years;
- ★ a 35% increase in funding for college financial aid;
- ★ regulation of pain management clinics;
- ★ millions in state funding for hurricane relief measures;
- ★ legislation which provides state and local law enforcement agencies with additional tools to combat the threat of transnational gangs;
- ★ continuing tax cuts and spending taxpayer dollars responsibly; and
- ★ new legislation which lowers the tax burden for over 40,000 small businesses across the state.

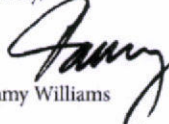
This session was very busy for me as well. We sent 57 bills to Governor Perry (placing me in the Top Ten of Legislators in bills passed). I also served on 51 conference committees including the most important budget conference committee. Only one other member of the Legislature served on more conference committees.

This session I also served as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee. My committee was the final stop for legislation headed for the local and uncontested calendar—a legislative fast track. Over one thousand six hundred (1,600) bills were reviewed and passed by the Senate Administration Committee this session. Thanks to the hard work of my staff and committee members no controversial legislation reached the local and uncontested calendar. In fact, roughly two-thirds of all bills sent to the Governor this session passed through my committee.

Since 2003, it has been my honor to serve you in the Texas State Senate. I look forward to visiting with you and your family as I travel around the district. Also, I strongly encourage you, your family, and friends to visit my capitol office any time. We can also arrange individual and group capitol tours if notified in advance of your visit.

Please take a minute to read through this legislative report and feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Tommy Williams

P.S. If you would like to subscribe to my "E-Newsletter," please visit [www.williams.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.williams.senate.state.tx.us) to register.

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## THE 81ST LEGISLATURE HIGHLIGHTS



In the wake of Hurricane Ike, Tommy took action to protect those who suffered from its destruction.

### ***Texas Windstorm Insurance Reform and Natural Disaster Relief***

With the session coming on the heels of Hurricane Ike, Tommy set out to ensure his constituents would be protected and treated fairly under the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). As a lead negotiator, he helped prevent arbitrary surcharges and rate spikes for customers of TWIA. Together with other coastal members, Tommy stood firmly opposed to early versions of the bill which increased rates up to 80 percent, making windstorm insurance unaffordable to coastal residents.

Tommy was proud to author legislation to reduce the financial impact on electricity customers when utility companies rebuild or restore service following hurricanes and other natural disasters. His bill allows utilities to issue low-cost bonds to recover restoration costs, providing utilities and customers a cost-saving alternative to their current options. Projected savings from using the financing mechanism provided for by the bill is \$200 million or more for each company's customers.

### ***Prescription Drug Abuse***

One of Tommy's priorities this session was cracking down on the availability of prescription drugs and tracking those who engage in abusive practices. Tommy wrote a bill which requires pain management clinics to be certified by the Texas Medical Board and gives the

Board needed tools to investigate and regulate these clinics. The clinics will also be required to be owned and operated by a licensed physician. This legislation will increase pain management clinic accountability, and will significantly reduce the accessibility of "pill mills" to individuals who intentionally abuse controlled substances.

### ***Border Drug Cartels & Illegal Gangs***

With border drug cartels and illegal gangs spreading their reach ever further into Texas, Tommy decided to fight back this session. Thanks to legislation he supported, the state will have new tools at its disposal to crack down on illegal activities and help keep violence from spilling over the border. Law enforcement may now prosecute firearms smuggling as a third degree felony. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Tommy diligently worked to increase and improve funding for various border security measures, including the placement of an additional 56 state troopers and 15 game wardens in the border region.



### ***Fighting Voter Fraud***

*Tommy fought long and hard to get a Photo Voter ID bill passed in the Texas Senate.*

***"70% of Texans agree with requiring voters to present photo voter identification."***

Source: June 2009 University of Texas Government Department Statewide Survey of Texas Public Opinion

Tommy led the successful effort which allowed the Photo Voter ID bill to be brought to a vote and passed in the Texas Senate. It was Tommy who, after thoroughly researching parliamentary procedure, engineered the designation of Voter ID as a special order calendar item. Throughout the 24-hour-long hearing, and later floor debate, Tommy questioned witnesses and passionately argued that Voter ID is necessary in a democracy to prevent the dilution of legitimate votes. Unfortunately, the bill did not receive a floor vote in the Texas House of Representatives.

## THE TEXAS FLAG

***Honor the Texas Flag: I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.***

### ***Flying the Texas Flag***

When flown out-of-doors, the Texas flag must be on a flagpole or staff at least two and one half times as long as the flag. It should not be unfurled earlier than sunrise and should not be left out in the rain, snow, or inclement weather. It should be flown with the white stripe at the uppermost except in case of distress.

When the flag is displayed horizontally against a wall, the blue field should be at the flag's own right (observer's left). When the state flag is displayed vertically against the wall, the blue stripe should be above the white and red stripes and the white stripe should be to the flag's own right (observer's left). The state flag is displayed at all Texas public schools during regular school days and carried with pride in most state holiday parades.

### ***How to Purchase a Texas Flag***

If you wish to purchase a Texas flag that has been flown over the State Capitol, please contact one of my offices and my staff will be happy to assist you.

The Texas Senate offers the following flags to choose from:

3x5 Nylon: \$15.25

3x5 Cotton: \$20.25

4x6 Nylon: \$22.00

4x6 Cotton: \$29.55



## OF LOCAL INTEREST

### Local Priorities

Every session Tommy makes sure local district concerns are addressed. This session was no exception. He passed legislation to:

- Ensure the Lamar Institute of Technology is recognized as an independent institution for the purposes of accreditation;
- Protect and continue the operations of the Devers Canal System (which rice farmers in Chambers and Liberty Counties rely on for their water supply) by placing it under the management of the Lower Neches Valley Authority; and
- Further consolidate powers of The Woodlands Homeowners Association into The Woodlands Township by enforcing covenants, giving the Township the right to vote on the Montgomery County Appraisal District Board of Directors, removing METRO's taxing authority from the Harris County portion of The Woodlands, and requiring a vote of the people to become a municipality.

In addition, Tommy ensured the following items were included in the state budget:

- A provision requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to inspect the San Jacinto River twice-a-year by helicopter. This will protect the San Jacinto River and local area drinking water supplies from pollution arising from aggregate operations;
- \$10 million for the purchase of seatbelts for school busses; and
- Funding in the state's supplemental appropriations bill to help Senate District 4 recover from Hurricane Ike, including over \$6 million for local higher education institutions, \$16 million for debris removal, and \$62 million appropriated to the Governor's Office to help school districts rebuild and provide other disaster relief.



Tommy, Sen. Huffman, and Lt. Governor Dewhurst with local chamber officials as they are recognized on the Texas Senate floor on Golden Triangle Days.

### Be Prepared for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season officially started June 1 and lasts through November 30. If you live along the coast, keep your gas tank full and ensure you have a family plan, survival kit and evacuation maps. If state or local officials order an evacuation - leave immediately! Also, be sure your home is secure and take pets, medicines, and all official documents you might need. Unless you are physically unable to evacuate, we urge you to listen and obey evacuation orders. Remember, the longer you

wait, the more likely you will be stuck in evacuation traffic. If you are elderly or disabled and need evacuation assistance, please call 2-1-1. For more detailed information go to [www.txdot.gov/travel/hurricane.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/travel/hurricane.htm), or call Tommy's office for information.



Constituents visit the Capitol for Chambers County Day.

### Tribute to Fallen Soldiers of Senate District 4

This section is dedicated to those who made the ultimate sacrifice - their lives. No words can properly express our gratitude to these fallen soldiers and their families.

William M. Amundson, Jr., Cpl.  
 Andrew T. Arnold, CWO  
 Kamisha J. Block, Spc.  
 Hoby F. Bradfield, Jr., Spc.  
 Jason L. Brown, Staff Sgt.  
 Gary L. Collins, Staff Sgt.  
 Dustin R. Donica, Spc.  
 Jerry M. Durbin, Jr., Staff Sgt.  
 Zachary R. Endsley, Pfc.  
 Shane L. Goldman, Pfc.  
 Ryan P. Green, Sgt.  
 Cory C. Kusters, Spc.  
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 Robert A. Martinez, Lance Cpl.  
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 Wesley Riggs, Pfc.  
 Russell L. Slay, Sgt.  
 John R. Stalvey, Cpl.  
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 Benjamin D. Williams, Staff Sgt.  
 Luke C. Yepsen, Lance Cpl.



Tommy with local chamber officials as they are recognized on the Texas Senate floor on Montgomery County Day.



## THE 81ST LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION

The Texas Constitution authorizes the Governor to bring legislators back to Austin for a Special Session and is responsible for setting the agenda, also known as the "call." The First-Called Special Session of the 81st Legislature convened July 1 and adjourned on July 2. It was limited to three agenda items, and the Legislature took swift action to pass legislation ensuring the state can issue \$2 billion in voter approved bonds

to build roads and keeping open some of our most critical agencies, including the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Insurance. However, legislation extending TxDOT's authority to build toll roads through public-private partnerships did not enjoy much support and was not addressed by either the House or the Senate.

### ABOUT SENATOR WILLIAMS



*Tommy and his wife Marsha during the last days of the session.*

Senator Tommy Williams brings a strong record of business achievements, community involvement, and public service to the people of Southeast Texas. Tommy served in the Texas House of Representatives for three terms, and in November 2002, Texans showed their confidence once again by electing him to the Texas Senate with 64% of the vote, and re-electing him to the Texas Senate in 2004 and 2008. He is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs, an outspoken advocate for Texas taxpayers, and a recognized and respected leader in budgetary issues.

Tommy is a life-long Texan. He was born in Marshall, Texas and attended schools in the Marshall Independent School District. After graduating from Texas A & M with a BBA in Accounting, he began a career in industry and public accounting prior to entering the insurance and financial services field in 1983. He now serves as President of Woodforest Financial Services, an affiliate of Woodforest National Bank.

As a Texas Senator, Tommy serves as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee and as a member on the Senate Finance Committee, Education Committee, and International Relations & Trade Committee. By special appointment of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Tommy also serves as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee, the State Preservation Board, and The Energy Council. His legislative leadership and strong conservative voting record have been recognized and honored by many state and community groups and organizations throughout his tenure in the Texas House and Texas Senate.

The proud parents of two sons, Tommy and his wife, Marsha, are active community leaders and members of The Woodlands United Methodist Church.



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Texas Senator

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THE 81ST LEGISLATURE  
FALL 2009

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### HELPFUL TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Abuse Hotline (children, elderly, disabled) . . . . .	800-252-5400	Injured Workers . . . . .	800-578-4677
Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) . . . . .	800-647-6558	Insurance Information and Assistance . . . . .	800-252-3439
Child Support Enforcement . . . . .	800-252-8014	Legal Referral . . . . .	800-252-9690
Consumer Protection (Attorney General) . . . . .	800-621-0508	Medical Hotline . . . . .	800-252-8263
Consumer Credit Helpline . . . . .	800-538-1579	Runaway Hotline . . . . .	888-580-4357
Crime Victims Compensation . . . . .	800-983-9933	Student Financial Aid . . . . .	877-782-7322
Crime Stoppers . . . . .	800-252-8477	Taxpayer Information . . . . .	800-252-5555
Emergency Roadside Assistance . . . . .	800-525-5555	Voter Registration/Elections . . . . .	800-252-8683
Governor's Citizen Assistance Hotline . . . . .	800-843-5789	Youth Hotline . . . . .	800-210-2278

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**TEXAS CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE (CHL) FEE TABLE**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who do not meet the requirements for any discount.	\$140	\$70
	GC §411.174	GC §411.185
<b>Active Judicial Officer</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who are serving as judges or justices of the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, a court of appeals, a district court, a criminal district court, a constitutional county court, a statutory county court, a justice court, or a municipal court; or a federal judge who is resident of Texas; or persons appointed and serving as associate judges.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.201	GC §411.201 GC §411.185
<b>Retired Judicial Officer</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who were serving as judges or justices of the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, a court of appeals, a district court, a criminal district court, a constitutional county court, a statutory county court, a justice court, or a municipal court; or a federal judge who is resident of Texas; or persons appointed and serving as associate judges.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.201	GC §411.201 GC §411.185
<b>Active Military</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals currently serving in the military OR who were <b>honorably</b> discharged within the last 365 days.	\$0	\$0
	GC §411.1951	GC §411.1951
<b>Active Texas Peace Officer/Correctional Officer (Texas Department of Criminal Justice)</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Licensed peace officers under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and are employed as a peace officer by a Texas law enforcement agency; or TDCJ correctional officer.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.1952 GC §411.1991	GC §411.1952 GC §411.1991
<b>Honorably Retired Texas Peace Officer</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who were licensed as peace officers under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code and who had been employed full-time or a reserve peace officer by a Texas law enforcement agency.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.199 GC §411.1992	GC §411.199 GC §411.1992
<b>Retired Federal Officer</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who are retired Officers of the United States who were eligible to carry a firearm in the discharge of the officer's official duties.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.199	GC §411.199
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who are at least 60 years of age at the time of application.	\$70	\$35
	GC §411.174 GC §411.195	GC §411.174 GC §411.185 GC §411.195
<b>Indigent</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who fall below the poverty threshold as set forth by the Federal Poverty Guidelines.	\$70	\$35
	GC §411.174 GC §411.194	GC §411.174 GC §411.194 GC §411.185
<b>Felony Prosecuting Attorney</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who are elected attorneys representing the state in the prosecution of felony cases who meet the requirements.	\$0	\$0
	GC §411.201(h)	GC §411.201(h)
<b>Veteran (Honorably Discharged)</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals <b>honorably</b> discharged from military service.	\$25	\$25
	GC §411.174 GC §411.1951	GC §411.174 GC §411.1951 GC §411.185
<b>Other / Assistant Prosecutor</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individuals who are prosecuting attorneys or assistant prosecuting attorneys.	\$140	\$70
	GC §411.174	GC §411.185
<b>Instructor Certification</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Certified Instructors are individuals trained and certified by Texas Department of Public Safety to instruct Concealed Handgun Licensing training courses to the public.	\$100	\$100
	GC §411.190	GC §411.190

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